

REMARKS

The Office Action dated July 22, 2003 and the Advisory Action of December 22, 2003 have been carefully reviewed, and these remarks respond to those Actions. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of this application.

Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 9-11 and 17 will remain pending in this application. Claims 1, 3-8, 12-16, 18, and 20 previously were canceled from this application without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 2, 19, 21, and 22 are currently canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. No rejected or objected to claim remains.

Objection to the Drawings

Because the previous amendment was not entered, Applicant resubmits the previous proposed drawing correction.

Applicant has amended Figure 6 as suggested by the Examiner.

Applicant requests that the Examiner withdraw the objection to the drawings.

Cancellation of Claims 19 and 21

The only rejected claims in this application were claims 19 and 21. In order to further prosecution in this application, Applicant cancels claims 19 and 21 in favor of a divisional application filed herewith. The present application, including remaining claims 9-11 and 17, is believed to be in condition for allowance.

If any additional claim fees are due along with this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to debit our Deposit Account No. 19-0733 to cover any necessary fees. Also, if an extension of time is needed that is not accounted for in this Amendment or any accompanying papers filed with it, the necessary extension is requested. Please charge the extension fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

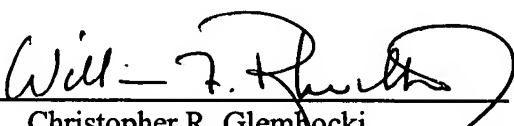
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All rejections having been addressed, Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for immediate allowance and respectfully solicits prompt notification of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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